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Dear Mr. Mount:

RE: Transwestern Pipeline

I am taking this opportunity to advise you of the latest developments in proceeding with Transwestern's PCB remedial action in Region VI. Earlier this year, Transwestern was asked to provide information to Region IX concerning its PCB remedial action in that region. Concurrent with this request, EPA Headquarters promulgated the policy statement regarding PCB spill cleanups, 40 CFR Section 761.120 (52 FR 10688 et seq.). Since this policy may have an impact on the remedial actions in Regions VI and IX, Transwestern is preparing site specific risk assessment analyses focused upon PCB removal levels. I anticipate completion of these analyses by July 22, 1987 and will forward them to you, in report form, along with any recommended changes in remedial levels, or related activities.

As we agreed at our last meeting, Transwestern issued its RFP for onsite incineration by February 16, 1987. Currently, our engineers are evaluating those bids, interviewing contractors for this work, and conducting tests on biodegradation processes for PCBs. Bids for offsite disposal of the contaminated materials are also being obtained. Due to this increased scope of work, particularly the biodegradation tests, Transwestern will not be able to select a disposal technology and award a contract by June 1, 1987. We will be able to propose a disposal technology and remedial criteria by July 22, 1987. Upon approval of the technology and criteria by EPA, Transwestern will award the appropriate contracts.

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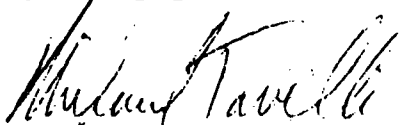


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The risk assessment analyses and the present remedial program are proceeding independently. However, should the risk assessment analyses result in modification of remedial levels, then the remedial plan would be modified accordingly, most likely to shorten the overall time frame. To keep you fully advised of our efforts, we are available to meet with you, or your staff, at your convenience during this interim period.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (713) 853-6851.

Very truly yours,



Richard Tavelli, Director
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